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SUBJECT: DEPAR;MENT BRIEFING -ZAIRE - APRIL 19, 1977

1. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS CONCERNING ZAIRE FROM
DEPARTMENT BRIEFING APRIL 19.

2. Q: KING HASSAN OF MOROCCO HAS SAID THERE IS CONCLUSIVE
PROOF THAT THE CUBANS ARE INVOLVED IN ZAIRE. DO YOU HAVE
ANY REACTION TO THAT?

A: NO. I READ THE PRESS REPORT OF THE KING'S REMARKS, AND
I HAVE NO REACTION ON IT.
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3. Q: WILL YOU BE GETTING SOME KIND OF OFFICIAL FILL-IN
FROM THE MOROCCANS, OR WILL THE AMBASSADOR BE SPEAKING
TO THE KING TO FIND OUT WHAT ABOUT THIS EVIDENCE?

A: I WOULD EXPECT THAT THAT WILL BE HAPPENING, AND IF I
GET A REPORT ON THAT I'LL LET YOU HAVE IT.

4. Q: WHAT'S THE U.S. POSITION ON CUBANS IN ZAIRE?

A: THE U.S. POSITION IS-- TO REPEAT-- THAT WE HAVE NO HARD EVIDENCE OF CUBANS BEING IN ZAIRE INVOLVED IN THE FIGHTING THERE.

5. Q: WHAT ABOUT BEING IN ZAIRE AND NOT INVOLVED IN THE FIGHTING?

A: I HAVE NO EVIDENCE OF THE CUBAN PRESENCE IN ZAIRE.

6. Q: ARE WE SATISFIED WITH OUR REPORTING CAPABILITIES IN THAT SPECIFIC SITUATION? AS YOU KNOW, AFTER THE ANGOLAN AFFAIR WE WITHDREW A NUMBER OF AMERICAN OBSERVERS. IS THAT STILL THE CASE? HAVE THEY BEEN REPLACED?

A: I DON'T KNOW. I MEAN I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE WITHDRAWAL AND REPLACEMENT.

7. Q: THEY PULLED OUT A BUNCH OF CIA AGENTS.

A: I THINK YOU MIGHT ASK THE CIA. I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THAT.

8. Q: ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH OUR REPORTING CAPABILITY FROM THAT PART OF THE WORLD?

A: I DON'T HAVE AN OPINION ON IT. I THINK THAT WE DO HAVE A NUMBER OF REPORTS FROM THE AREA, AND THAT WE GO UNCLASSIFIED

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BY THE EVIDENCE OF THOSE REPORTS, AND WHAT WE HEAR ALSO THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC DISCOURSE WITH A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WHICH ALSO HAVE REPRESENTATIVES IN THAT COUNTRY.

9. Q: ARE WE DEPENDENT ON OUR OWN REPORTING FROM THERE?

A: I'M PRETTY SURE WE DEPEND ON A WIDE VARIETY OF REPORTS. THAT INVOLVES WHAT WE HEAR FROM OTHERS AS WELL AS WHAT WE GET FROM OUR OWN PEOPLE IN THE EMBASSY.
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